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Dear Mrs Tang,

**Finance Committee
Follow-up to meeting on 2 November 2007**

We refer to your letter reference CB1/F/1/10 dated 5 November 2007 to the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury. Supplementary information pertaining to Item FCR(2007-08)32 is provided in the following paragraphs.

- (a) A list of projects which can be expedited as a result of the increase in the financial ceiling of the delegated authority for Category D items in the Capital Works Programme

A list of 28 projects which can be expedited as a result of the increase in the financial ceiling of the delegated authority for Category D items in the Capital Works Programme is appended at the Annex. Of these projects, six are estimated to cost slightly below \$15 million, and according to past experience, if the cost estimates only contain a small allowance for unforeseeable site conditions or projects variations, the works agents may not

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implement them as Category D items before the ceiling is increased. This is because if the project estimate is very close to the ceiling of the delegated authority and there is a time lag between the creation of the minor works items and the works commencement, there is a strong likelihood that the ceiling of the delegated authority could be exceeded. However these six projects can be benefited by the increase in the financial ceiling and can be readily implemented.

As can be seen from the list, the category of projects spans from the field of minor building works, minor waterworks, minor roadworks, and minor sewerage and drainage works.

- (b) Whether other planned public works projects, particularly the hospital in Tung Chung, can be expedited and if so, the revised time frame

As stated in the FC paper FCR(2007-08)32, we have reviewed the procedures for delivery of capital works projects, as a result of which the delivery lead time of medium size civil engineering projects can be reduced from 45 months to 40 months. The works departments will make every effort to expedite individual works projects under planning. Timeframe of implementation will be compressed as far as possible provided it will not adversely affect the quality of the project.

For the proposed North Lantau Hospital in Tung Chung, Architectural Services Department will work closely with Food and Health Bureau to enable the early commissioning of this project. We understand that Food and Health Bureau will revert to LegCo Panel on Health Services on this matter.

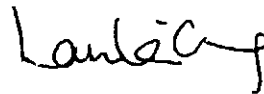
- (c) Whether consideration could be given to providing additional facilities for Tin Shui Wai on top of the planned facilities taking into account the plight of the residents concerned

Since 2006, the Home Affairs Bureau has provided leisure and cultural facilities in Tin Shui Wai at a total capital cost of some \$200 million. Currently the leisure and recreational facilities available in Tin Shui Wai include a public swimming pool complex, sports centres, a sports ground, soccer pitches and basketball courts, parks, sitting-out areas, a district library and a small library, mobile library stops and community libraries operated in co-operation with non-government organisations etc.

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The works departments will accord top priority to projects in Tin Shui Wai and will take every step to shorten the planning lead time with a view to achieving early commencement of construction and commissioning of the facilities as far as possible.

Yours faithfully,



(K C Lam)

for Secretary for Development

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Annex

Minor Building Works Projects		
Ref.	Project Title	Cost (\$M)
1	Complete internal and external refurbishment of Kwun Tong Government Primary School	19.000
2	Refurbishment of external walls of Harbour Building	18.500
3	Refurbishment of guardhouse, gateway, rainshelter in Police Tactical Unit including upgrading the security and electrical and mechanical system to current standard	16.314
4	Complete refurbishment of staff canteen, kitchen cum fire services upgrading and energy saving provisions in Lai Chi Kok Correctional Services Department additional quarters Block G and H staff canteen	15.700
5	Spatial re-organization and major renovation for Pi Chiu Building at Central Campus, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	15.000
6	Creation of students' communal/activity space, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	15.000
7	Provision of communal space at courtyard of FGHJ Wing and AG Wing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	15.000
8	Facilities upgrade and extension of Sir Run Run Shaw Hall at Central Campus, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	15.000
9	Construction of covered student activities area at Logo Square, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	15.000
10	Construction of an assembly hall to Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong at Lok Wo Sha Lane, Shatin	14.974
11	Conversion of vacant areas at Sai Ying Pun Jockey Club Polyclinic	14.900
12	Replacement of air-cooled chillers by water-cooled chillers, The Hong Kong Institute of Education	14.850
13	Construction of covered student activities area between the Amenities Building and the Social Science Building, Lingnan University	14.820
14	Construction of a new operational base for reprovisioning of Direct Labour Force (Sewage Gang) Depot of Hong Kong and Islands Division, Drainage Services Department	14.800
Total		218.858

Minor Waterworks Projects

Ref.	Project Title	Cost (\$M)
1	Supply and Installation of the Pilot Hydropower Plant at Tuen Mun Water Treatment Works	20.000
2	Improving the performance and renovation at Sheung	20.000

Shui water treatment works		
3	Mainlaying from Keung Shan to Tai O	19.406
4	Improving the performance of existing clarifiers at Pak Kong water treatment works by inclined tubes/inclined plates	18.000
5	Improvement of Shing Mun, Beacon Hill, Golden Hill and Tai Lam Chung (sections L, M, N and O) catchwater systems - investigation, design and construction consultancy and site investigation	18.000
6	Reconstruction of roof of Lok Fu fresh water service reservoir and associated works	17.942
7	Installation of motorised penstock at the inlet portal of tunnel JK in Wong Chuk Yeung and desilting tunnel intakes C, D, H, J, K and L	17.000
Total		130.348

Minor Road Works Projects		
Ref.	Project Title	Cost (\$M)
1	Kau Hui Development – engineering works in Area 16, Yuen Long, phase 2 – extension of Road L3	19.000
2	Widening of Castle Pead Road (San Tin) near Tsing Lung Tsuen, Yuen Long	18.800
3	Construction of footbridge linking the Hong Kong Design Institute of Vocational Training Council with the neighbouring residential development and MTR station	15.000
Total		52.800

Minor Sewerage and Drainage Works Projects		
Ref.	Project Title	Cost (\$M)
1	Drainage improvement in Southern Hong Kong Island – package 1	20.000
2	Upgrading of high voltage power supply system and the associated electrical and mechanical equipment at Power House of Shatin sewage treatment works	19.000
3	Supply and installation of a combined heat and power generator at Tai Po sewage treatment works	18.000
4	Improvement to the existing waste water treatment plant at Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse by installation of a pre-screening plant	14.965
Total		71.965